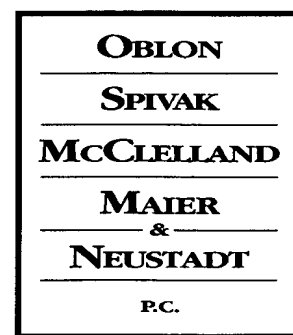




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RE: Application Serial No.: 09/679,480

Applicants: Yasuo SUZUKI, et al.

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THE PHOTORECEPTOR

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Attached hereto for filing are the following papers:

**Petition under 37 C.F.R. § 1.181, Copy of date-stamped filing receipt (filed April 8, 2002), Copy of date-stamped filing receipt (filed May 8, 2002), Copy of date-stamped filing receipt (filed July 8, 2002), Copy of Notice of Improper Request for Continued Examination (RCE), Copy of Advisory Action (issued April 18, 2002)**

Our check in the amount of -0- is attached covering any required fees. In the event any variance exists between the amount enclosed and the Patent Office charges for filing the above-noted documents, including any fees required under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 for any necessary Extension of Time to make the filing of the attached documents timely, please charge or credit the difference to our Deposit Account No. 15-0030. Further, if these papers are not considered timely filed, then a petition is hereby made under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 for the necessary extension of time. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

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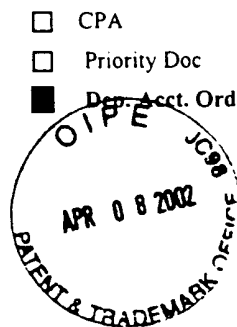
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### ADVISORY ACTION

REPLY FILED FAILS TO PLACE THIS APPLICATION IN CONDITION FOR ALLOWANCE.  
Before, further action by the applicant is required to avoid abandonment of this application. A proper reply to a rejection under 37 CFR 1.113 may only be either: (1) a timely filed amendment which places the application in condition for allowance; (2) a timely filed Notice of Appeal (with appeal fee); or (3) a timely filed Request for Continued Examination (RCE) in compliance with 37 CFR 1.114.

#### PERIOD FOR REPLY [check only a) or b)]

- ☒ The period for reply expires 3 months from the mailing date of the final rejection.  
☐ In view of the early submission of the proposed reply (within two months as set forth in MPEP § 707.07(f)), the period for reply expires on the mailing date of this Advisory Action, OR continues to run from the mailing date of the final rejection, whichever is later. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the mailing date of the final rejection.

Extensions of time may be obtained under 37 CFR 1.136(a). The date on which the petition under 37 CFR 1.136(a) and the appropriate extension fee are filed is the date for purposes of determining the period of extension and the corresponding amount of the fee. The appropriate extension fee under R 1.17(a) is calculated from: (1) the expiration date of the shortened statutory period for reply originally set in the final Office action; or (2) as set forth in the Office action, if checked. Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of the final rejection, even if timely filed, may reduce any patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

- ☐ A Notice of Appeal was filed on \_\_\_\_\_. Appellant's Brief must be filed within the period set forth in 37 CFR 1.192(a), or any extension thereof (37 CFR 1.191(d)), to avoid dismissal of the appeal.  
☐ The proposed amendment(s) will be entered upon the timely submission of a Notice of Appeal and Appeal Brief with requisite fees.  
☐ The proposed amendment(s) will not be entered because:  
(a) ☐ they raise new issues that would require further consideration and/or search. (see NOTE below);  
(b) ☐ they raise the issue of new matter. (see NOTE below);  
(c) ☐ they are not deemed to place the application in better form for appeal by materially reducing or simplifying the issues for appeal; and/or  
(d) ☐ they present additional claims without canceling a corresponding number of finally rejected claims.

NOTE:

- ☒ Applicant's reply has overcome the following rejection(s):  
see attachment, paragraph 1

- ☐ Newly proposed or amended claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ would be allowable if submitted in a separate, timely filed amendment canceling the non-allowable claim(s).  
☒ The a) ☐ affidavit, b) ☐ exhibit, or c) ☒ request for reconsideration has been considered but does NOT place the application in condition for allowance because: see attachment, paragraph 2  
☐ The affidavit or exhibit will NOT be considered because it is not directed SOLELY to issues which were newly raised by the Examiner in the final rejection.  
☒ For purposes of Appeal, the status of the claim(s) is as follows (see attached written explanation, if any):  
Claim(s) allowed: \_\_\_\_\_  
Claim(s) objected to: \_\_\_\_\_  
Claim(s) rejected: 1, 3-7, 10, 11, 13-17, 20, 22-26, 29, 31-35  
Claim(s) withdrawn from consideration: \_\_\_\_\_

- ☐ The proposed drawing correction filed on \_\_\_\_\_ a) ☐ has b) ☐ has not been approved by the Examiner.  
☐ Note the attached Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449) Paper No(s). \_\_\_\_\_  
☒ Other: Interview Summary of 2/6/02, attachment

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